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New Orleans to House 150,000 At City's Biggest Convention

Gathering Next Week Promises To Be Most Notable
in Legion History; Elaborate Program
of Entertainment Prepared

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EVERYTHING is set for the annual convention. The password with Legionnaires, not only in this state but in every section of the country, is the revival of the old war phrase, "Let's go." The only difference is that instead of meaning over the top the phrase is interpreted as meaning to New Orleans, where the annual conclave will open a week from tomorrow.

Reports from the committee in charge of the arrangements indicate that the convention will be the biggest ever held in New Orleans. Arrangements have been made to house 150,000 ex-service men and women and their friends. The housing committee has even gone so far as to lay out Pullman cities wherein the delegates from the various states so desiring will reside until the end of the session, on October 21.

The convention will be of world-wide interest. This is assured by the presence of members of delegations from veterans' organizations representing our allies. The convention of the international organization will be concluded before the Legion sessions begin. An elaborate program of entertainment has been provided for and it is evident that the event will surpass by far any other ever held anywhere.

World Navies Represented
There will be dreadnaughts, cruisers, submarines and sub-chasers representing the great naval powers of the world; there will be athletes from every state in the Union; there will be a fleet of airplanes, and the City of New Orleans will through the efforts of the various organizations in that place wear the garb of a French carnival night. Stores will be labeled with French signs, and the picturesque garb of Brittany, Normandy and other French provinces will be mingled with the olive drab and green of the veterans.

Ten carloads of ordnance, including virtually everything in the line of war material from hand grenades to 155-millimeter guns, will comprise the American exhibit. Daily maneuvers demonstrating the latest tactics of warfare will be held during the five convention days. Ordnance officers from the government's Arsenal at Rock Island will be in charge.

The largest parade ever held in New Orleans will take place on October 18, when 40,000 members of the Legion in columns of platoons will march down Canal Street in review. Approximately 150,000 visitors and delegates will be present for the convention, and it is expected that at least 200,000 more will see the parade in the morning.

Parade to Stretch Four Miles
A cenotaph commemorating the soldier dead will be erected on the parade grounds of Canal Street, and the gold star mothers' tribute, at which all veterans will pay tribute to their fallen comrades with a salute as the column passes. The route of the parade will cover a distance of approximately four miles, and the head of the column is expected to reach its destination before the rear guard has passed the reviewing stand.

Legion state departments will march in order of their gain in membership during the last year, led by a guard of honor consisting of the state departments of the army, navy and National Guard. Percentages of increase will be announced by national headquarters in time to place departments in their proper position in the column.

Major General John A. Lejeune, commander of the United States Marine Corps, is expected to dedicate the historic Spanish fort to the memory of those gallant soldiers who died in northern entrance of New Orleans from roving buccaners and hostile Indians in the days of Spanish domination over Louisiana.

A guard of honor, composed of members of the Australian Imperial Forces, similar to the one that escorted the 27th Division in its parade through the streets of New Orleans, will march in the convention parade. All Anzacs wishing to participate are asked to communicate with Staff Sergeant E. J. Beck, Postoffice Box 556, New Orleans.

Field Day Feature
Athletes representing the popular sport will take part in the field day. In these contests some of the best known champions will compete. Various states have selected their athletic delegations at state conventions and it is expected that only the best athletes in the country will take part. There will be prizes for the various events.

Considerable time has been spent in arranging menus for the numerous entertainments which will be given during the convention.

During the last eight months the Kankakee (Ill.) American Legion post cared for 250 ex-service men who became stranded in the town. In addition it investigated a large number of cases which proved fraudulent, and endeavoring to enlist sympathy and obtain money under false representations.

Under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel George Wood, commander of the southwestern division of the Salvation Army, officers and ladies from all parts of the country will be assembled at the Legion gathering. The Army girls who come will be assigned solely to the work of making and serving doughnuts and coffee. Some of those who will serve in this capacity are Salvation lassies, who were active in overseas service.

Pay Kaiser and Happy Littleton will stage a fifteen-round battle fight for the American Legion middleweight championship during the national convention, convention headquarters has announced. They will fight at 160 pounds.

Kaiser fought Bob Martin, A. E. F. heavyweight champion, for the title gave the Olympic games in Paris and won. He has since defeated Martin at Boston and is considered a prominent contender for the heavyweight title of the world. He has also beaten Herman Miller and Ray McMillan.

Wives of Congressional Medal of Honor men have been invited to accompany their husbands to the national convention in New Orleans. Their expenses will be paid by the Legion convention committee.

An exhibition of products and industries of Panama will be brought to New Orleans during the American Legion national convention. The plan represents an outlay of several thousand dollars and will include a special edition of "The Panama Canal Observation Post," a Legion publication.

Members of the "clean-up" committee of the New Orleans Association of Commerce will concentrate their efforts on beautifying the city for the convention. Superintendent of Police Molony will instruct members of the police force to enforce the ordinance prohibiting the littering of the streets with paper and trash. The committee will compile all ordinances bearing on this phase of the clean-up campaign, from a view of obtaining general observance of all sanitary laws.

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New York State Department's New Officers



Back row, left to right—Ralph K. Robertson, national executive committee member; Albert S. Callan, state commander; John R. Schwartz, adjutant. Front row, left to right—J. D. Fuller, third vice-commander; William E. Flanders, second vice-commander; and William T. Hulse, treasurer.

Legion's Week For Education Is Dec. 3 to 9

President, Governors and Mayors to Proclaim Days of Americanization in Nation-Wide Campaign

American Education Week has been set for December 3 to 9, inclusive, it was announced recently by Garland W. Powell, assistant national director of Americanization for the American Legion, which inaugurated the movement last year and is receiving the co-operation of the United States Bureau of Education and the National Education Association.

The announcement followed a conference between President Harding, Powell and John J. Tigert, United States Commissioner of Education. Mr. Harding, in promising his full support, said he will issue a Presidential proclamation, which is to be followed by similar ones from Governors and Mayors.

The week will be observed on a larger and broader scale than last year, the National Education Association and the United States Bureau of Education co-operating with the American Legion. Invitations also have been issued for the co-operation of all national organizations engaged in educational work, the chambers of commerce, clubs and civic societies.

Schools to Help
The state and county superintendents of public schools will be requested through the United States Bureau of Education to devote the week to the American Legion's program which will begin on Sunday, December 3, when ministers of all denominations will be urged to preach sermons either in the morning or evening on the benefits of education. Mass meetings also will be held throughout the country at which speakers supplied by the American Legion will give addresses on the subject.

A national drive will be made Monday, December 4, with the slogan "Americans All by 1927" to help immigrants become Americans and start their education in the duties of citizenship.

The next day, Tuesday, will be devoted to patriotism, with the subjects of universal use of the English language, the flag, the emblem of freedom, and the citizen's duty to vote being emphasized.

Better paid teachers, more school houses and the scholastic influence on the coming generation will be discussed on Wednesday, December 6. The next day, Thursday, will be devoted to the cure of illiteracy.

To Adopt Illiterates
The American Legion will endeavor to have every citizen adopt an illiterate to the end that illiteracy will be wiped out in this country by 1927. It will be the citizen's duty to teach the illiterate to read and write, sending the name to the American Legion for systematic follow-up educational work in Americanism.

This may be a declaration of war on Bohemism, Mr. Powell said. "We must not be content to let one to read and write, and the men follow it up by instilling loyalty to American ideals."

An equal opportunity for all in education will be urged Friday, December 8. A nation-wide study will be made of rural and city schools in a comparative way, also of high schools and colleges.

Believing that a sick body makes a sick mind, attention will be called on Saturday, December 9, to physical education, the need of playgrounds, and the great out of doors, the country's need in developing our forests, the conservation of our soil and playgrounds for every community.

Each of the days during the week will be special ones for visiting the schools. The United States Bureau of Education will provide motion picture slides in theaters throughout the land each day, calling attention to the subjects as they arrive, and urging every citizen to visit the schools of his community.

N. Y. Veterans Given Half Fare To Convention on Special Train

Arrangements have been made by State Headquarters for a special train to carry the New York delegates to the national convention in New Orleans. A one-way fare for the round trip has also been obtained. Identification slips must be used to procure this reduced fare. These slips are supplied by State Headquarters. The tickets will be good for thirty days.

The special train will leave the Grand Central Station at 1 o'clock next Saturday afternoon. The delegates will arrive in New Orleans on the morning of October 16. The railroad tickets will cost \$43.34 from all points between New York City and Rochester. From Buffalo the fare will be \$45.99. Lower berths will cost \$14.63 and the upper berths will cost \$11.70. From Buffalo the uppers will cost \$10.80 and the lowers \$13.50. This timetable has been arranged:

N.Y. City (Gr. Cent.)	N.Y.C. 1:00 pm	Ar. Cleveland	N.Y.C. 2:34 am
Lv. Poughkeepsie	N.Y.C. 2:42 pm	Lv. Cleveland	Big Four 2:50 am
Lv. Albany	N.Y.C. 4:08 pm	Lv. Indianapolis	Big Four 8:50 am
Lv. Utica	N.Y.C. 5:53 pm	Ar. Mattoon	Ill. Cent. 12:25 noon
Lv. Syracuse	N.Y.C. 7:00 pm	Lv. Mattoon	Ill. Cent. 7:16 am
Lv. Rochester	N.Y.C. 8:38 pm	Ar. New Orleans	Ill. Cent. 7:16 am
Lv. Buffalo (Clinton St.)	N.Y.C. 10:10 pm		

A return train has been tentatively arranged for to leave New Orleans on Saturday, October 21, at about 7 p. m.

Legion Races to Record One-Hundredth Second

Great Accuracy Expected To Be Achieved With Device and Phonograph Record

Using an electrical device and phonograph records, starters at the American Legion national athletic championships, to be held October 1-20, hope to time runners in the various track events with an accuracy never before achieved.

Across the mouth of the starter's pistol will be a device which, when the pistol is discharged, will make a connection with a needle that will drop on a phonograph record divided into 100 parts and revolving at the rate of sixty revolutions a minute. The connection will be broken and the needle automatically picked up when the winner breaks the tape in crossing the finishing line. The time will be recorded to the one-hundredth part of a second. Officials of the A. A. U. will watch the operation of the device with a view to adopting it at their meets.

Another innovation at the meet will be a magnavox, the device to be installed at close intervals in the grandstand to tell spectators about the races as they are watching them. The confusion and doubt in regard to relative positions of runners will not happen at the Legion meet, since men stationed at intervals around the track will report to the grandstands through the magnavox the position of contestants as they pass.

Women of New Orleans Plan Gayeties for Legion Auxiliary

Special attention will be paid by the women of New Orleans to those members of the auxiliary who will attend the convention of that unit during the Legion session. Mrs. Joseph L. Fischer is the chairman of a committee of New Orleans women looking after the interests of the auxiliary.

There will be 600 guests—distinguished persons in attendance at both the Legion and Auxiliary conventions are expected to be held by the Colonial Dames to be held by the Museum of the afternoon of Tuesday, October 17. Three carnival balls in the evening will conclude the day for the Auxiliary.

Seated by states in a large grandstand the Auxiliary women will watch the reception of October 18. That night the only evening session of the Auxiliary convention will take place. Afterward the women will be taken to a hut show on the Mississippi River, which will reproduce the entertainments staged by welfare organizations in France.

Motor tours to the Old French Quarter and about the city will occupy the Auxiliary women Thursday. The trips will be followed by tea at the Quarters Club and talks on historic New Orleans at Jackson Square. There will also be harbor trips Thursday and at night a night bombing raid in imitation of the bombardments staged by the Germans at the front.

Red Cross Will Plan Help for Ex-Service Men

3,300 Chapters Will Report on Post-War Work at National Convention in Washington To-morrow

Plans for the coming year to help ex-service men and their families will be the first business on the program of the National Convention of the American Red Cross, which opens in Washington to-morrow. Post-war work, on which delegates from the 3,300 chapters throughout the country will report, will occupy the entire first session of the convention.

In addition to this general session, a discussion of improved methods in helping ex-service men's families will be launched at a special group conference on Wednesday. In many chapters the care of veterans' families, while they themselves are helpless in hospitals or are convalescent and unable to work, is the chief Red Cross problem.

The chief appeal of the Red Cross in its coming Roll Call, which will begin on Armistice Day, November 11, and extend through November 30, will be for a great sustaining membership which will enable an extension of the work for veterans and their families who still need help. More than \$10,000,000 will be spent in this work this year by the Red Cross.

Finds Jobs for 101 Men
One hundred and one ex-service men were found jobs during August by the New York County Chapter of the Red Cross. Of these men, forty-nine were disabled. In addition more than 250 men reemployed at the office for work, positions which had been found for them having been discontinued or other changes having made it necessary to seek new employment.

Although a large number of the men who used the Red Cross Club, 129 East Thirty-ninth Street, were absent from the city, a total attendance of 2,632 is recorded for August. More than 2,000 of this number are men in training, 150 were hospital men and 133 medical cases being cared for by social field service workers.

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Callan Plans Membership Drive To Win Every Veteran in State

New Commander Believes This Is the Best Way to Make Effective Demands for Bonus and Hospitalization

WITH a strong plea for additional membership, Albert S. Callan of Chatham, has taken the office of State Commander of the New York Department. In an interview with the Legion editor he sounded the keynote of what gives promise to be the most intensive and far-reaching membership drive ever conducted by a veterans' organization. Almost immediately after his election the new commander started the ball rolling for a bigger organization. He declared that the safety and strength of the Legion rested on the enrollment of every ex-service man in this state.

Although membership has been his first subject, Mr. Callan will by no means slow up on the fight for the proper care of the disabled veterans. He has taken the reins from the hands of William F. Deegan and has followed his lead in the fight for proper hospitalization. Although he has been in office but a short time, the new commander has personally visited three hospitals with a view to obtaining proper care for the disabled. It is his plan to visit every government and contract hospital in the state.

Tribune Again Organ Of Legion for State

The Tribune has again been indorsed as the official publication of the New York State Department. Commander Albert S. Callan on his election sent this letter to The Tribune:

"To the Editor of The Tribune, New York City.
"Dear Sir: The American Legion in New York State under my leadership desires to continue The New York Tribune as the official publication for Legion news. The arrangement last year in publishing Legion news each Monday and Thursday and the second Sunday of each month afforded the Legion an opportunity of carrying official news to Legionnaires throughout the state. We sincerely trust that the same arrangement can be continued.
"ALBERT S. CALLAN,
"Commander Department of New York."

Society Supports Legion Victory Ball For Armistice Eve

Annual Affair To Be at the Waldorf-Astoria; Debutantes to Sell Programs; Downey Heads Committee

Supported by society men and women, and the 130 posts comprising the New York County Legion, a committee is completing arrangements for the second annual victory ball, to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on Armistice Eve, November 10. Harold L. Downey, chairman of the executive committee, announced yesterday that the event bids fair to outlive that of last season.

There will be a floor committee of about thirty-five, headed by Frank Jefferson, and a committee of debutantes to be presided over by a young New York matron. Ex-Ambassador Myron T. Herrick will be secretary of the ball and Joseph L. Seligman, the treasurer.

The executive committee of the ball will be headed by Harold L. Downey, chairman; Miss Anna B. Duncan, assistant secretary; H. Allister, Morris, assistant treasurer; P. St. George Bissell, Lester M. Brown, Harold A. Content, George L. Darte, Nicholas Egan, Walter C. Krag, Van M. Logan, Irwin Ira Rackoff, and Henry R. Sedgwick.

At the Manhattan State Hospital, on Ward's Island, seventeen changes in compensation status were reported in August by Red Cross workers. Twenty-four affidavits were filed with the claims section of the Veterans' Bureau, and the necessary papers for filing eight claims were sent in, in addition to the claims supporting one dependency claim.

All ex-service men who were discharged from parole during the month were made the subject of reports to the Veterans' Bureau. Incidentally, this report are "Industrial histories" of the patients from the dates of their paroles to the time of their discharges from the hospital. These reports are comprehensive, and it is believed that they will be of considerable advantage to the bureau in changing the ratings of any of the men discharged.

\$6 Day Job Won't Keep
Sergt. Woodfill at Home
Sergeant Samuel Woodfill, chosen by General Pershing as the greatest hero of the World War, will attend the American Legion national convention in New Orleans, despite the fact that financial difficulties have forced him to obtain a furlough from the army and go to work as a carpenter.

"We are coming unless sickness prevents," the wife of the World War hero wrote T. Semmes Walmsley, commander of the New Orleans American Legion, "I am a widow and my husband has been seven days at \$6 a day, but after your telegram arrived we decided we had better try to make the trip, and possibly we could make up for what he lost in some other way."

Sergeant Woodfill is now working on the government dam at Silver Grove, Ky., to make enough money to meet payments on his home coming due soon.

Fritz L. Stenstrom, commander of Old Glory Post, has announced a meeting for the night of October 17. The meeting will be held at the post headquarters, Public School 140, Sixty-ninth Street and Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn.

An annual entertainment and ball will be given by Charles F. Dalmier Post, 170, American Legion, for the benefit of the Veterans' Mountain Camp, at Arlington Hall, 19 St. Mark's Place, on Armistice Eve, November 10th. The entertainment will be furnished by the famous St. Mary's strelts.

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Commander Callan contends that with a bigger membership, the enrollment of at least three-fourths of the ex-service men in this state, the Legion will be in a position to demand instead of request proper hospitalization and other items of importance to the veterans.

Drive to Begin Promptly
In a statement to The Tribune Commander Callan announced that within a few days a concentrated drive to win every veteran in the state, based on a thorough system that there will be small chance of failure. Each district chairman will be responsible for the quota in his district, each county chairman will be responsible in turn for the quota of his county, and the post commander will be urged to enlist in the drive and see that every ex-service man in post territory becomes a member of the Legion.

Speaking of the Veterans' Bureau Commander Callan said he firmly believed that the attitude of the Legion toward the bureau should be one of strictness, and not destruction, and that during his administration would do all in his power to co-operate with that body, as he believed that co-operation would result in more to the ex-service men than if a party of continued antagonism was waged. He made it plain that the wounded ill ex-service men of the state receive fair and just treatment, that he would acquire himself with conditions in every hospital in the state. He said he believed that calling the attention of local authorities to the defects in the system, handling the cases in the contract hospitals, much trouble could be alleviated.

Stands for Compensation
Commander Callan stands for the national adjusted compensation bill and also for the state bill. The latter, however, he believes is a pertinent issue at this time, as both parties have pledged themselves to the enactment of the amendment to the legislature this session. In the national bonus, Callan says, it is not for the sake of the bonus, but for the fact that it will fight for it in the duty of the Legion is to ensure that the bonus is paid to every veteran who is entitled to it, or anything else for that matter, he would much more successfully wage a great united host of Legionnaires than from a small membership.

He was with the Legion activities for years. He entered military life when he enlisted as a private in the 10th Cavalry, Second Battalion, N. Y. State, and in 1912 was promoted to a second lieutenant and in 1913 made a first lieutenant. In 1914 he was promoted to the rank of captain and served at the Camp Perry, N. Y. during the war he served at Camp Miller, charge of the transportation department, and in 1919 was commissioned major in the Reserve Corps.

He was instrumental in the organization of the Legion in Columbia County after the war. As commander of the third district he became known to the Legionnaires in that part of the state and in 1921 was elected as post of first vice-commander of the state department. He publishes a newspaper, and is a member of the American Legion.

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